Boycot of Glindia products

1570. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bengal Chemist and Druggists Association and the U.P. Chemists and Druggists Federation have boycotted pharma products of Glindia at the instructions of the All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore and what legal and other steps Government propose to take against such associations/federations;

(c) whether Glindia has approached the Central Government in this regard; if so, what remedial measures have been taken by Government to contain this recurring menace so that the right to obtain the drugs by the consumers is not denied?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Associations of trade had threatened to boycott some of the products of some companies and it may affect one or two companies. However, it will not disturb supply of drugs to the public, Government is watching the situation.

Loan to drug companies

1571. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3476 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has given loan to drug companies from DPE Account;

(b) whether it is a fact that the loan has been given free of interest;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the provision under which his Ministry can give loan from DPE Account?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

MRTPC orders against trade association advocating boycott of a company's products

1572. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MRTP Commission has passed orders against any trade associations injuncting them against advocating boycott of a company's products; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether there are instances of the Commission prosecuting any of these trade associations for violating its injunction orders; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) On the basis of an application filed by M|s. Glindia Limited, Bombay alleging boycott of its products, the MRTP Commission has passed an ex parte ad-interim injunction order on 12th July, 1988 against the following associations:—

1. Bengal Chemists & Druggists Association, Calcutta.
2. U.P. Chemists & Druggists Federation, Kanpur.
3. The Assam Drug Dealers Association, Guwahati and
4. All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists, New Delhi.

While the associations at Sl. Nos. 1 to 3 have been restrained from continuing with the boycott of the applicant's products, the Apex body of Chemists and Druggists at Sl. No. 4 has been restrained from expanding the boycott, which is already in operation in the states of West Bengal, U.P. and Assam, to other states and Union Territories of the country.

(b) No, Sir.